Proceedings of the Mysore Representative Assembly of 1910.

MEMORANDUM.

The twenty-seventh session of the Assembly of Representative ryots and merchants was held in the Durbar Hall of the Public Offices at Mysore on the 15th October 1910 and succeeding days.

In accordance with the system of triennial election instituted in 1894, the taluk members elected last year continued to hold their seats during this year. The total number of Representatives returned was 270 as shown below :—

Representatives from 68 taluks, including sub-taluks		201
Do	27 Municipalities with a population of 5,000 and above	42
Do	8 Local Boards	16
Do	11 Associations	11
	Total ...	270

Of these,

4 were Europeans,
17 were Mahomedans and
249 were Hindus.

Arranged according to occupations,

35 were merchants,
10 were sowcars or bankers,
71 were village officers (patels and shanbhogs),
112 were landholders,
25 were lawyers,
2 were schoolmasters, and
15 followed other professions.

The number of seats in the Assembly was 281, but owing to deaths and disqualifications there were 9 vacancies, and one member represented three electorates. The actual number of representatives was therefore 270 as stated above.

Owing to the prevalence of plague in several important towns of the Chitaldrug District, 17 members were absent out of 26 returned for that district. Similarly 19 were absent out of 36 from the Shimoga District. Altogether 211 members were present at the session of the Assembly. The sittings were concluded on Sunday the 23rd October, the attendance on that day being 86.

On the opening day, Col. Hugh Daly, C.S.I., C.I.E., the Hon'ble the British Resident in Mysore, and other European guests of His Highness the Maharaja were present. The members of the State Council, the Heads of various Departments and other principal officers of the State were also present. At 12 noon, the Dewan, Mr. T. Ananda Row, B.A., C.I.E., opened the proceedings by reading his Address to the members. A Kannada translation of this was subsequently read by Mr. B. Ramaswamaiya, B.A., B.L., Under-Secretary to Government.

Mr. C. H. Richards (on behalf of the Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board), Mr. D. S. Hanumantha Rao (of the Devanhalli Taluk), Mr. Mahommad Abbas Khan (on behalf of the Central Mahomedan Association, Bangalore), Mr. Adavappa (on behalf of the members of the Chitaldrug District), Pandit Srinivasaraghavachar (on behalf of the Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote) and Mr. A. Ramanna, (of the Yedatore Taluk) read addresses, which (except the address* by Pandit Srinivasaraghavachar) along with the Dewan's reply are printed in Appendix A.

* This being merely personal and unimportant has not been printed.

The representations made by the members were discussed for seven days from the 17th October. The body of this report contains a summary of the discussions and the replies given by the Dewan.

Three addresses were read at the close of the sittings of the Assembly and these are also included in Appendix A. On behalf of the members present Mr. Mahommad Abbas Khan and some others spoke at the close of the meeting, thanking the Dewan for the patient and impartial hearing given to their representations, and prayed that their sentiments of loyalty and gratitude may be submitted to His Highness the Maharaja.

The Dewan in reply thanked the members for their kind words and good wishes and promised to submit their expression of loyalty and gratitude to His Highness the Maharaja.

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